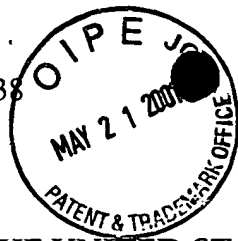


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PETITION REGARDING UNAVAILABLE INVENTOR

Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.47(a)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

The Applicant hereby petitions pursuant to 37 CFR §1.47(a) for a decision that the enclosed Declaration be accepted although one inventor's signature is missing due to his unavailability. Proof of the pertinent facts are set forth in the accompanying Declaration of Rick N. Soskin, the CEO of HealthEZ, the assignee of record. This Petition is further accompanied by the fee set forth in 37 CFR §1.17(i).

The last known address for Mr. Mazhar Saeed is 7009 Candlewood Circle, Brooklyn Park, Minnesota, 55445, USA.

The above-identified application for patent was filed on May 21, 1999. A Declaration was filed with that application naming three inventors: 1) Michael Thorsen, 2) Mazhar Saeed, and 3) Hajiani Jahan. This Declaration was signed by all three named inventors.

Recently, it was discovered that a fourth inventor, M. Nazie Eftekhari, was omitted from the named inventorship through error and without deceptive intent.

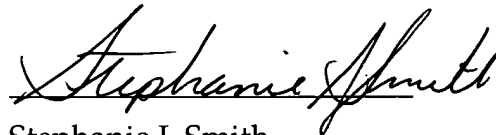
Therefore, a Petition to add Ms. Eftekhari is filed herewith. 37 CFR §1.48 requires the submission of an oath or declaration by the actual inventors. However, one of the originally-named inventors, Mazhar Saeed, who signed the original declaration, is now unavailable. He has returned to Pakistan, and has not left a forwarding address with his former employer, the assignee, or any of his former co-workers or friends known to the assignee. Therefore, the revised Declaration submitted herewith is signed by the other three inventors only.

The Assignee has made diligent effort to reach Mr. Saeed without success. To the Assignee's knowledge, Mr. Saeed is not on vacation, out of town temporarily, or otherwise temporarily unavailable, but rather has permanently relocated to an unknown location in Pakistan.

It is noted that the three original inventors assigned all rights in the invention to HealthEZ, Inc., the assignee of record. The newly added inventor, Ms. Eftekhari, assigned her rights to HealthEZ, Inc. in an assignment submitted herewith for recordation.

Respectfully submitted,
HEALTHEZ, INC.
By its attorneys:

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